

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote no to SCR 7 for the following reasons:

This resolution is moot (refers to a wolf hunting season beginning 2021). But even if the date was changed to 2022, this resolution is not based on facts or science.

There is no scientific need for a wolf hunt. The wolf population has remained stable for the past 12 years.

Wolf/Livestock conflicts remain extremely low. The U.P. has approximately 900 working farms with about 50,000 head of livestock. Michigan Department of Agriculture records show that in 2021, only 4 farms had a conflict. There were nine events at one of those farms and when non-lethal measures were ineffective, lethal measures were taken and the wolves were killed. In 2021 a total of twelve calves, one adult cow and one mini-pony were killed by wolves. The owner of the mini-pony refused compensation but the others were reimbursed the fair market value of their livestock as determined by MDA - a total of \$7635 in compensation payments were made. This pales in comparison to crop damage caused by other species such as deer and elk.

Research has demonstrated that when there is a wolf/livestock conflict, it must be addressed in a timely manner. Research also suggests that killing wolves through a recreational hunting/trapping season can actually cause conflicts to increase due to pack disruption.

Wolves pose little risk to humans and should a wolf pose threatening behavior, that wolf can and will be destroyed regardless of federal status.

Wolves have used my property for more than 25 years. I am also a dog owner. I have never felt threatened by a wolf. I keep my dog under my control because there are many other animals that can kill or injury her including bears, porcupine, skunk and even a raccoon with distemper. I don't allow my dog to play in traffic any more than I turn her loose into a wolf pack's territory.

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